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### REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending. Claims 1-3, 6-13, and 16-21 are rejected and claims 4, 5, 14, and 15 are objected to. Applicant amends claims 1, 4, 11, and 14 and cancels claims 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 15, and 19-21.

The Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant amends claims 1 and 11 to include such limitations previously associated with claims 5 and 15, respectively. Claims 4 and 14 are amended to depend from claims 1 and 11, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the claims 1 and 11 and associated dependent claims 4, 6-10, 14, and 16-18 are allowable.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Enclosed is a \$450.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050 referencing attorney docket number 15826-191001.

Respectfully submitted,

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